

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR game.com CLASSIC USERS:

Do not play Centipede with another cartridge inserted into the secondary cartridge port. Make sure that Centipede is the only cartridge in the game.com unit before turning game.com ON.

game.com Pocket Pro users do not need to worry about this note.

I INTRODUCTION

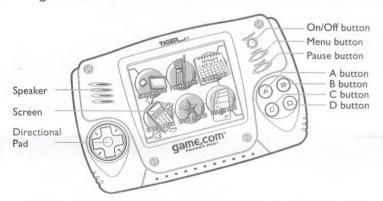
The garden is a dangerous place. It's full of spiders and bugs ready to eat you alive. Welcome to CENTIPEDE...where a quick trigger finger is your only hope against a whole swarm of pests!

2 GOAL

The goal of CENTIPEDE is to score as many points as possible by shooting both moving and non-moving targets in the garden.

STARTING THE GAME

To play the game, make sure your game.com system is OFF. Insert the CENTIPEDE cartridge. Turn on your game.com and touch CARTRIDGE on the main menu.



After a brief animation, you'll see the main CENTIPEDE screen. You may choose to alter the version of the GAME, change the number of PLAYERS, open the GAME OPTIONS screen, view the CREDITS, FLIP SCREEN, or PLAY GAME. To select, use the touch screen, or move the spider icon with the directional pad and press the A button.





GAME

Choose between the classic arcade style or the updated game.com version. (The updated version contains higher-resolution graphics and is slightly more difficult.)

PLAYERS

Use the A button or the touch screen to choose from one to four players.

FLIP SCREEN

Choosing this will flip the screen from top to bottom, allowing play with the directional pad on the right side of the unit.

OPTIONS SCREEN

Choosing GAME OPTIONS takes you to the options screen:

Difficulty: Choose HARD, MED (medium) or EASY. Lives: Choose from between three and six lives. Move speed: Sets the speed at which your ship (shooter) moves.

Start Level: Start at level one or choose a higher (more difficult) level.

Play music and sound: Choose different music and sound effects. Use the stylus to cycle through and choose a number. Go to main menu: Returns you to the previous menu.



4 PLAYING THE GAME

When you're ready to play the game, choose PLAY GAME from the main menu. All movement in CENTIPEDE is controlled by the directional pad.

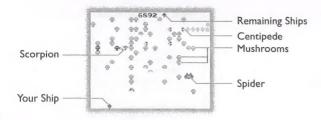
In CENTIPEDE, you can move your ship all along the bottom of the screen and up a few rows. You shoot by pressing the A button. Everything on the screen is worth points (see POINT ALLOCATION).

Once you start, the centipede will begin to crawl from the top of the screen and descend to the bottom. Each time it hits a mushroom, it will turn the other way and continue its descent. If you hit a segment of the centipede, that segment will turn into a mushroom. If any portion of the centipede reaches the bottom of the screen, it will reverse and continue back to the top of the screen.

You will also encounter a bouncing spider. The spider is worth varying points, depending on how far away it is when you hit it. Be careful: if the spider or a segment of the centipede hits your ship, you lose a life.

Soon after you have completed the first screen, the falling flea will emerge. This pest drops from the top of the screen, leaving a trail of mushrooms behind. Shoot him for points.

A little later in the game, a scorpion will travel across the screen. Shoot him for extra points.



SCORE

Your score is displayed in the middle of the screen at the top.



6 POINT ALLOCATION

Scoring in CENTIPEDE is as follows:

Mushroom I point

Each part of centipede turned into mushroom

10 points

(plus 5 when round is over)

Bouncing spider

300 - 900 points

Falling flea Scorpion

200 points

1000 points

After 10,000 points, you receive an extra life.

NOTE: If you exit the game before the entire game is over, your score will not be recorded as a high score on your game.com unit.

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